

Review of Information on Tar-Nicotine Content of Cigarettes and Its Significance

A number of reasons make it important that a review be undertaken of the present status of information on the tar-nicotine content of cigarettes and its significance, with particular emphasis on various methods of filtration and their effectiveness.

Almost certainly this information will be required for the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare's report which is required for July 1, 1967, by Section 5 of the Cigarette Labelling Act. It is also needed to help meet the problem of dealing with individuals and agencies who have asked for Public Health Service views or who have proposed various procedures, devices, treatments, etc., for making cigarettes safer.

With the concurrence of the Surgeon General, a meeting is proposed for June 1, 1967, to be held in the Board Room of the National Library of Medicine, beginning at 9:00 a.m. This meeting would review the following six questions --

1. What is presently known of the biological significance of the tar-nicotine content of cigarettes?
2. What is presently known of the psychological and habituating significance of tar-nicotine content of cigarettes?
3. What ongoing studies exist which may provide new data on these matters and what is the present status of these studies?
4. What additional data are needed and how might these be obtained?

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5. What is the present status of knowledge of other constituents of cigarette smoke on which control action might be feasible in the near future?
6. What are appropriate methods for handling requests by individuals for help in testing, evaluating, promoting, etc. their inventions or ideas for improving the safety of cigarettes?

The following persons have been invited to attend this meeting, with Dr. SeEVERS to be chairman:

- ✓ Dr. Maurice SeEVERS, Surgeon General's Advisory Committee
- ✓ Dr. Fred Bock, Roswell Park Memorial Institute
- Dr. George Dobbs, Federal Trade Commission
- Dr. Hans Falk, National Cancer Institute
- ✓ Dr. E. Cuyler Hammond, American Cancer Society
- Dr. Daniel Horn, National Clearinghouse for Smoking and Health
- ✓ Dr. Paul Kotin, National Cancer Institute
- Dr. Leon E. Moore, Agriculture Research Service, Crops Research Division, Plant Industry Station, Beltsville, Maryland
- Dr. Clyde Ogg - U. S. Department of Agriculture, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Dr. Leonard Schuman, Surgeon General's Advisory Committee
- Dr. Ben VanDuuren, New York University
- [Daniel L.] Dr. David Weiss, University of Kentucky, Medical School
- Dr. C. F. Woodward, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- ✓ Dr. Ernest Wynder, Sloan-Kettering Cancer Institute

The meeting will welcome written position statements from participants.

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